

Accessing places and services to stay healthy: healthcare, healthy foods & exercise



Communication and collaboration among partners and the public



Sexual health: Preventing sexually transmitted infections & teen pregnancy



Smoking, Drugs & Alcohol

Key Health Issues in Norfolk

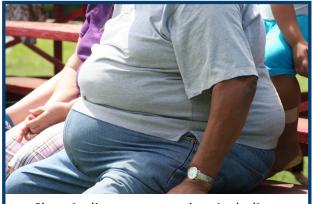




Mental health: Access to services and stigma of mental illness and seeking help.



Workforce and economic development



Chronic disease prevention, including obesity, heart disease, & cancer



Safe communities: Crime & violence impact how safe residents feel & what they do.

The Norfolk Department of Public Health (NDPH), in collaboration with a Community Advisory Board, is leading a community health planning process called Mobilizing for Action through Planning and Partnerships—also called MAPP. The purpose of MAPP is to engage community members and partners in conducting a series of four assessments to identify important issues that they can address collectively.

Through these four assessments, we have identified eight key issues:

- Accessing places and services to stay healthy
- Communication and collaboration among partners and the public
- Sexual health
- Smoking, drugs, and alcohol
- Workforce and economic development
- Safe communities
- Mental health
- Preventing chronic diseases

Social determinants such as large pockets of poverty, lack of affordable housing, and disparities in educational attainment create a fragmented community and impact overall health and quality of life as well.

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